

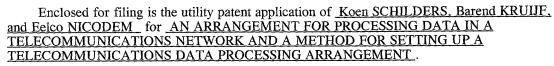
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## UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER

## **BOX PATENT APPLICATION**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:



[ ]	Applicant(s) hereby request(s) that the above-captioned application <b>NOT BE PUBLISHED</b> under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.211. The undersigned hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.				
[]	$Applicant(s) \ suggest(s) \ Figure \ \_ \ for \ inclusion \ on \ the \ front \ page \ of \ the \ patent \ application \ publication \ and \ patent.$				
Also	enclosed are:				
[X]	_4 sheet(s) of [X] formal [ ] informal drawing(s);				
[X]	[X] a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and/or 365 is [ ] hereby made filed in _ on _;				
	[X] in the declaration;				
[]	a certified copy of the priority document;				
[]	a General Authorization for Petitions for Extensions of Time and Payment of Fees;				
[]	an Assignment document;				
[]	an Information Disclosure Statement;				
[]	a bibliographic data entry sheet; and				
[X]	Other: Preliminary Amendment				
[X]	An [ ] executed [X] unexecuted declaration of the inventor(s)				
	[X] also is enclosed [ ] will follow.				
[X]	Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentenceThis application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and/or 365 to <a href="PCT/EP/00639">PCT/EP/00639</a> filed in <a href="WIPO">WIPO</a> on <a href="25 January 2000">25 January 2000</a> ; the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference				
[]	Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentenceThis application is a continuation of International Application No filed on _, which designates the United States				



[ ] Small entity status is hereby claimed.

[X] The filing fee has been calculated as follows [X] and in accordance with the enclosed preliminary amendment:

CLAIMS						
	No. Of CLAIMS		Extra Claims	RATE	FEE	
Basic Application Fee	\$710.00 (101)					
Total Claims	33	MINUS 20 =	13	× \$18.00 (103) =	234.00	
Independent Claims	2	MINUS 3 =	0	× \$80.00 (102) =	- 0 -	
If multiple dependent cl						
Total Application Fee	944.00					
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Application Fee						
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[]	This application is being filed without a filing fee.	Issuance of a Notice to File Missing
	Parts of Application is respectfully requested.	

- [X] A check in the amount of \$ 944.00 \_\_ is enclosed for the fee due.
- [ ] Charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800 for the fee due.
- [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

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